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Education on Tobacco in Schools
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government has directed CBSE and NCERT for inclusion of tobacco related matter for sensitizing students at an early age about the perils of smoking;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that about 14% of students are affected by tobacco habits and the new marketing strategies of tobacco industry bringing e-cigarettes and hookah bars, are affecting young boys and girls; and

(d) if so, the stringent measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): Education being a subject in the Concurrent List of the Constitution, majority of the schools are under the administrative control of the State Governments. It is, therefore, for the respective State/Union Territory Governments to take appropriate action in this regard. However, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has been issuing periodic circulars to schools affiliated to it for sensitizing students about ill-effects of tobacco. Various competitions such as poster making, essay writing etc. on the theme of harmful effects of tobacco are organized on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day each year. National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has included content related to Drug Abuse including tobacco in the syllabus of Classes VIII, XI XII.

(c) to (d) : No such study has been done by this Ministry.
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